

## REMARKS

Examiner Jagan is thanked for the courtesies extended during the office interview on January 12, 2005.

Applicant believes that the Interview Summary is an accurate description of what was discussed.

Reconsideration of the objection to Claims 1, 25 and 28 because of informalities is hereby requested. Claims 1, 25 and 28 have been amended for clarification of the claim language. Therefore, reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 16 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,329,685 to Baker, the rejection of Claims 16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 61-296226 to Abe et al. and U.S. Patent No. 343,678 to Tatum, and the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatum in view of U.S. Design Patent No. 298,219 to Muller is hereby requested. As stated in the Interview Summary, “Applicants proposed amendment to Claims 1, 16 and 23 appear to overcome the present rejections over the prior art”. Claims 1, 16 and 23 have been amended as discussed in the interview. Applicants, therefore, assert that Claims 1, 16, 21 (dependent from Claim 16) and 23 are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 2-15, 17-20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are allowed.

As also stated in the Office Action, Claims 25 and 28 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office Action. Claims 25 and 28 have been so amended and are in condition for allowance.

Applicants note that a Request for Continued Examination is being submitted concurrently with the filing of this Amendment After Final.

In view of the above, Applicants assert that Claims 1-30 are in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

In view of all of the above, this application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and

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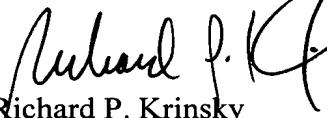
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that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (20341/72037).

Respectfully submitted,

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